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WOOD-TO WOOD SHEAR CONNECTION

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### Response to Examiner's letter dated 4/10/01

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This is in response to Examiner F. Saether's letter dated 4/10/01 and  
the Legal Instruments Examiner Toi Johnson's letter of Notice of  
Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121). After a telephone call to  
Examiner Toi Johnson on 4/18/01, it is the undersigned's understanding  
30 that the Preliminary Amendment bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of  
March 1, 2001 is the document out of compliance.

Accordingly, this response is to bring the above Preliminary  
Amendment into Compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(a) and (b) (1) (i), (ii), and  
(iii).

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Under 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(i), Applicant requests that paragraph one  
(1), on page 1 (1), beginning at line 4 of the Original specification filed

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- 1 12/01/2000 be replaced with a single paragraph set forth in clean form  
below.

**Replacement paragraph in clean form under 37 CFR § 1.121(b) (1) (ii)**

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serial number 09/487,981, filed January 20, 2000 which was based on  
U.S. Ser. No. 08/920,417 now U.S. 6,109,850 granted Aug. 29, 2000.  
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**Another version of the replacement paragraph under 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)**

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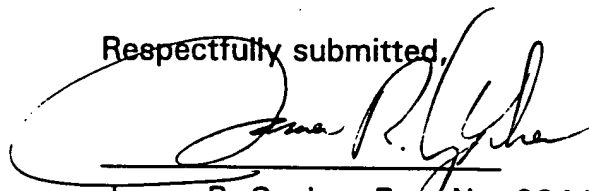
- 20 Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing Preliminary  
Amendment be entered by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,



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